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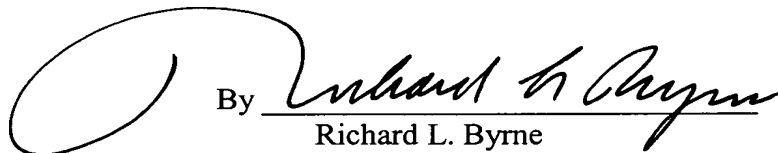
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This application is the United States national phase of PCT Application Serial No. PCT/EP00/02751, filed March 22, 2000. The references listed on Form PTO-1449 were cited in an International Search Report dated July 21, 2000 for the underlying PCT Application. Copies of the references are not provided as the Notification of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. §371 and 37 C.F.R. §1.494 or 1.495, dated February 21, 2002, indicates that copies have been received. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

Also enclosed is a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report for the PCT Application. Please note that the PCT Examiner indicated that the claims meet the international standards of patentability. The claims in the present application are substantially similar to the claims in the PCT application, and should be in condition for allowance.

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